



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6503

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL POOL SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) No certified employee
2 with an endorsement in physical education shall serve as an instructor
3 of a physical education course that makes use of a swimming pool
4 unless such person (1) is a certified lifeguard, (2) is certified in
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the
6 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, as amended from time to
7 time, and (3) has completed a course in first aid offered by the
8 American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the Department
9 of Public Health or any director of health, as certified by the agency or
10 director of health offering the course.

11 (b) A local or regional board of education that offers a physical
12 education course that makes use of a swimming pool may allow a
13 person who meets the requirements of subdivisions (1) to (3),
14 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section, and is sixteen years of age or
15 older to assist the instructor in the supervision of such physical
16 education course, provided such person is under the supervision of the
17 certified employee described in subsection (a) of this section as
18 qualified to be an instructor.

19 (c) No local or regional board of education shall offer a physical

20 education course that makes use of a swimming pool that does not
 21 have at least one person who satisfies the qualifications of subsection
 22 (a) of this section to serve as an instructor of such physical education
 23 course and at least one additional person who satisfies the
 24 qualifications of subsection (a) or (b) of this section to supervise the
 25 students who are in the swimming pool during such physical
 26 education course.

27 (d) Any local or regional board of education that offers a physical
 28 education course that makes use of a swimming pool shall develop a
 29 swimming pool safety plan. Such swimming pool safety plan shall
 30 include, but not be limited to, best practices regarding swimming pool
 31 safety and be in accordance with the provisions of this section and the
 32 requirements of the Public Health Code of this state established by the
 33 Commissioner of Public Health under the provisions of section 19a-36
 34 of the general statutes.

35 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) Not later than July 1, 2014, the
 36 Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance
 37 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to amend
 38 sections 19-13-B33b, 19-13-B34 and 19-13-B36 of the regulations of
 39 Connecticut state agencies to include swimming pools and
 40 natatoriums located at schools.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*